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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
AUGUST 8, 2016
CONFERENCE ROOM A

A meeting of the Board of Health was held in Conference Room A, Municipal Center, 30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin, Chairman; Deborah A. Chouinard, Vice Chairman; Philip E. Dumas and Jay Gardiner, Members
Also in attendance: Karyn Clark, WDPH; Jaime Rice, CMRPHA; Nancy Connors, Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Dumas to open the meeting at 6:02 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Chouinard; unanimously passed.

Anurag Gupta / Grafton Dental Care / 100 Worcester Street – Variance Request for -2- Additional Restrooms & Shower

The Board is in receipt of variance request from the State Plumbing Code Section 248 CMR 10.10(18). The requirement of two additional restrooms and the shower would require the elimination of critical spaces required for the dental practice, therefore, creating a hardship. Due to the space restrictions they are proposing to provide two unisex accessible restrooms; one for patients and one for staff and not to provide a shower. The Board is not comfortable granting the request because they do not know the Plumbing Code. Contact will be made with the Plumbing Inspector to see if the code allows unisex bathrooms. This is tabled for the next meeting.

Reorganization of Board

Mr. Gardiner stated he was fine with retaining the present structure as did the other members. A motion was made by Mr. Gardiner and seconded by Mr. Dumas to retain the present structure: Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin as Chairman, Deborah A. Chouinard as Vice Chairman, Richard J. Kirejczyk as Clerk and Philip E. Dumas and Jay Gardiner as members; unanimously passed.

Minutes - July 11, 2016

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to accept the Minutes of July 11, 2016 as written, seconded by Mr. Gardiner; unanimously passed.

Stop & Shop – Tobacco Violation – June 27, 2016

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Karyn Clark, dated June 30, 2016 and received in the office on July 12, 2016 regarding a violation that occurred at Stop and Shop on June 27, 2016 – the violation being the sale of a tobacco product to a minor. The Board had concerns that at the July 11th meeting Mr. Leger updated the Board that compliance checks had been performed in June but did not inform them a sale had actually been made. Stop and Shop will be invited to the next Board meeting in September.

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September, October and November Meeting Schedule

The previous schedule needs to be changed due to the October meeting falls on town meeting night. The schedule is as follows: September 12, October 3 and November 7, 2016.

Amend Supplemental Regulations –Mandatory Connection to Sewer System

This was tabled to the next meeting when all members would be in attendance.

Adopt Amendments to Tobacco Regulations – Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places and Work Place

The Board reviewed the amended regulations and noted that golf courses were still in the revisions. The Board is also not pleased that no signage or letters have been sent to the retailers from the Alliance regarding the upcoming changes. The Board feels this is not fair to the retailers in that they are not receiving enough notification to prepare and be educated. The Board signed the regulations to be effective October 1, 2016 with the stipulation that Golf Courses would be struck from the regulations. A motion was made by Mr. Gardiner to adopt the regulations as amended, seconded by Mrs. Chouinard; unanimously passed.

To Be Signed

(1) Well Permit

31 Browns Road / David Mason

(1) Camp Permit

Summer on the Farm

CMRPHA Update

Mrs. Clark updated the Board:

Administration (ADM)

- Grafton is displaying the CHIP posters at the Municipal Center
- T-21 for Grafton and Worcester going into effect September 1, 2016
- Results of survey were discussed at the last Quarterly Alliance meeting. Overall feedback was positive, there are few items for consideration as a quality improvement projects that will be vetted in the Quality Council. Survey results were handed to the Board.
- Medical Marijuana – WDPH staff working with City Administration and Law Department on finalizing draft set of regulations for the Worcester BoH which will be shared with the Alliance towns
- Staff and summer interns staffed table at Grafton's National Night Out on August 2nd
- Fee structures are being worked on within the Alliance towns

Environmental Health (EH)

- EH team continues Foundation for Local Public Health trainings. Conclusion will be graduation in September
- EH team has three interns from Worcester State University working on several projects. The food establishment survey was piloted in Grafton and a brief summary of the survey results will be available soon

Community Health (CH)

- 25 interns worked on 7 projects and staffed tables in Grafton at the Farmers Market and Movie Night
- Regional Response to Addiction Partnership (RRAP) established several subcommittees that meet monthly to plan and develop strategies to address substance abuse in the region

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- Promoting awareness of the impact of the disease of addiction and highlight overdose prevention efforts, CMRPHA will be hosting many events during August
- Mr. Gardiner questioned Mrs. Clark on the number of fatalities and non-fatalities. She stated that August and September seem to bring a spike and it's not clear why.
- The overdoses fatality is on the decrease due to Narcan but the numbers are still high
- Mr. Gardiner questioned the strategies to which Mrs. Clark stated Dr. Castile is working on grants to get people help. Beds are an issue problem. Connections need to be made to build a trust and relationship with those in need. The main focus on prevention, schools, grants and the local coalition

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

- Alissa attended the July GEMA meeting. EP staff working with GEMA members to participate in table top exercise in upcoming months.
- Colleen attended July Tufts IBC meeting.
- Annual Open House is September 18th.
- Alissa attended quarterly Blackstone Valley Regional Emergency Planning Committee meeting (BVREPC) in July. The Committee is completing their final steps towards MEMA full certification.
- EP staff continuing to work with regional partners to finalize a Regional Medical Counter Measure and Surveillance Plans as well as a Regional Emergency Coordination Plan

Nursing (PHN)

- Pat Bruchmann will be attending Influenza Billing Training
- Final MDPH Influenza Vaccine Allocation for 2016-17 have been received

The Board questioned Mrs. Clark on the Stop and Shop violation previously discussed earlier in the meeting. She will speak with Mr. Leger and is only assuming it was an oversight or perhaps Megan did not inform Phil which is why he would not have known.

The Board then questioned Mrs. Clark on the newly revised Tobacco Regulations with September 1 being the effective date which is just around the corner. They felt that the education and placement of signs should have begun with the retailers. Mrs. Clark said that next week would be plenty of time but the Board was not in agreement.

Correspondence / Mail

The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence and mail.

Mr. Gardiner questioned Mrs. Clark on the Greater Worcester Community Health Improvement Plan (2016 CHIP) 3-ring binder. He spoke of the "Pathways to Progress" and how it demonstrates success. This binder contained nine sections and just thought less was more.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to adjourn at 7:20 P.M., seconded by Mr. Gardiner; unanimously passed.

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:


for

Richard J. Kirejczyk, Clerk